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3.	Virender Singh, (IRS: 1967) the then DG, National Academy of Customs, Excise & Narcotics, Faridabad.
4.	1. T. Ringu, IAS (Retd), the then Chief Secy, Arunachal Pradesh. 2. K.S. Baidwan, IAS, (Retd) (AGMU: 1966) the then Commr. (Finance). Arunachal Pradesh. 3. Ashok Nath, IAS, (Retd) (AGMU: 1966) the then Commr. (Power) Arunachal Pradesh.
5.	T. Gopala Rao, IAS formerly Chairman Visakhapatnam Port Trust
6.	S.P Singh IRS, Commr. of Central Excise, Visakhapatnam. (2 cases)
7.	Subhash Sharma, IAS (AGMU: 1970) the then Vice Chairman, DDA, New Delhi
8.	R.K. Takkar, IAS the then Chief Secretary, GNCT of Delhi
9.	J.K. Sharma, IPS (AGMU: 1982) Addl. Commr. of Police, Delhi Police, Delhi
10.	Virender Singh, IAS (AGMU: 69) Principal Secy. Training & Tech. Education, GNCT, Delhi
11	Dr. N.K. Mehra, HOD AIIMS, New Delhi
12	Subhash Sharma, IAS (UT: 1970), Vice Chairman, DDA, New Delhi (2 cases)
13	V.K. Singh, Khushwah, the then Addl. Commissioner, IGI Airport, New Delhi (now Commissioner)

Pensioners grievances in Uttaranchal

4583. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG has conducted any enquiry into the functioning of the Accountant Generals office in Uttaranchal wherein a large number of cases pertaining to pensions/statutory dues of Government employees are pending due to rampant corruption;

(b) whether Government are aware that despite Allahabad High Court orders with reference to writ petition no: 2757 of 1995'pensionary benefits have been denied to the petitioners; and

(c) if so, the action being taken against the officials responsible for this delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir. Comptroller and Auditor General of India has not conducted any enquiry into the pension authorisation functions of Accountant General, Uttaranchal as the pension authorisation work stands taken over by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in batches from 1st August, 1985 much before the formation of the state of Uttaranchal with effect from 08.11,2000.

(b) Writ Petition No. 2757 of 1995 pertains to authorisation of pension to a retired Sanskrit Teacher. This is to be authorised by State Government of UP and not by Accountant General, Uttaranchal as work relating to authorisation of pensionary benefits of Education Department was taken over by UP Government w.e.f. 1st April, 1987.

(c) In view of the above, does not arise.

Concept of Poverty Line

4584. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while incidence of poverty from 1977-78 to 1999-2000 declined from 51.3 per cent to 25.1 per cent, the decline in number of persons below poverty line in absolute terms was not so marked, having come down from 328.9 million to 260.3 million;

(b) if so, in what way the concept of poverty line has undergone a change and the growth of population has come down during that period; and

(c) the targets fixed for the Tenth Five Year Plan with regard to the incidence of poverty and the number of people below poverty line and how far the same have been achieved by the end of 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that while incidence of poverty from 1977-78 to 1999-2000 declined from 51.3%to 26.1%the decline in number of persons below poverty line in absolute terms was not so marked having come down from 328.9 million to 260.2 million.